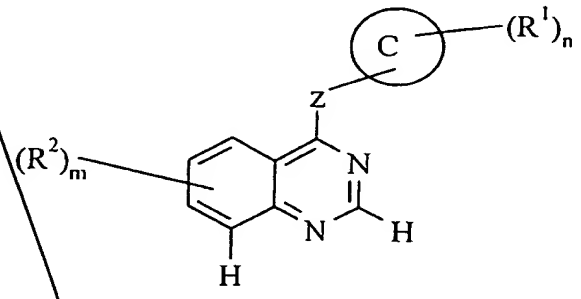
Claims:

1. The use of a compound of the formula I:



(I)

wherein:

ring C is an 8, 9, 10, 12 or 13-membered bicyclic or tricyclic moiety which moiety may be saturated or unsaturated, which may be aromatic or non-aromatic, and which optionally may contain 1-3 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N and S;

Z is -O-, -NH-, -S-, $-CH_2-$ or a direct bond;

n is an integer from 0 to 5;

m is an integer from 0 to 3;

R^2 represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkylsulphanyl, $-NR^3R^4$ (wherein R^3 and R^4, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl), or R^5X^1- (wherein X^1 represents a direct bond, -O-, $-CH_2-$, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^6C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^7-$, $-SO_2NR^8-$, $-NR^9SO_2-$ or $-NR^{10}-$ (wherein R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9 and R^{10} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl), and R^5 is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

1) hydrogen, oxiranylC_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-5}alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo and amino;

2) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^2C(O)R^{11}$ (wherein X^2 represents -O- or $-NR^{12}-$ (in which R^{12} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{11} represents C_{1-3}alkyl, $-NR^{13}R^{14}$ or $-OR^{15}$ (wherein R^{13}, R^{14} and R^{15} which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C_{1-5}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl));

3) C_{1-5}alkylX^3R^{16} (wherein X^3 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, -OC(O)-, $-NR^{17}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{18}$-, $-SO_2NR^{19}$-, $-NR^{20}SO_2$- or $-NR^{21}$- (wherein R^{17}, R^{18}, R^{19}, R^{20} and R^{21} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{16} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

4) C_{1-5}alkylX^4C_{1-5}alkylX^5R^{22} (wherein X^4 and X^5 which may be the same or different are each -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^{23}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{24}$-, $-SO_2NR^{25}$-, $-NR^{26}SO_2$- or $-NR^{27}$- (wherein R^{23}, R^{24}, R^{25}, R^{26} and R^{27} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{22} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl);

5) R^{28} (wherein R^{28} is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

6) C_{1-5}alkylR^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);

7) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);

8) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);

9) R^{29} (wherein R^{29} represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, -$C(O)NR^{30}R^{31}$, -$NR^{32}C(O)R^{33}$ (wherein R^{30}, R^{31}, R^{32} and R^{33}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

10) C_{1-5}alkylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);

11) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);

12) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);

13) C_{1-5}alkylX^6R^{29} (wherein X^6 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -$NR^{34}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NR^{35}$-, -SO_2NR^{36}-, -$NR^{37}SO_2$- or -NR^{38}- (wherein R^{34}, R^{35}, R^{36}, R^{37} and R^{38} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

14) C_{2-5}alkenylX^7R^{29} (wherein X^7 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -$NR^{39}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NR^{40}$-, -SO_2NR^{41}-, -$NR^{42}SO_2$- or -NR^{43}- (wherein R^{39}, R^{40}, R^{41}, R^{42} and R^{43} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

15) C_{2-5}alkynylX^8R^{29} (wherein X^8 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -$NR^{44}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NR^{45}$-, -SO_2NR^{46}-, -$NR^{47}SO_2$- or -NR^{48}- (wherein R^{44}, R^{45}, R^{46}, R^{47} and R^{48} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

16) C_{1-4}alkylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{29} (wherein X^9 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -$NR^{49}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NR^{50}$-, -SO_2NR^{51}-, -$NR^{52}SO_2$- or -NR^{53}- (wherein R^{49}, R^{50}, R^{51}, R^{52} and R^{53} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

17) C_{1-4}alkylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein);

18) C_{2-5}alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

19) C_{2-5}alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

20) C_{2-5}alkenylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein);

21) C_{2-5}alkynylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein); and

22) C_{1-4}alkyl$R^{54}(C_{1-4}alkyl)_q(X^9)_rR^{55}$ (wherein X^9 is as defined herein, q is 0 or 1, r is 0 or 1, and R^{54} and R^{55} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group $-(-O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl), with the proviso that R^{54} cannot be hydrogen);

and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl group in R^5X^1- may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino);

R^1 represents hydrogen, oxo, halogeno, hydroxy, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxymethyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}haloalkyl, cyano, amino, C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-3}alkanoyloxy, nitro, C_{1-4}alkanoylamino, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphanyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphinyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl, N-(C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl)amino, N-(C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl)-N-(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl)amino, a C_{3-7}alkylene chain joined to two ring C carbon atoms, C_{1-4}alkanoylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, carboxy or a group $R^{56}X^{10}$ (wherein X^{10} represents a direct bond, -O-, $-CH_2-$, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{57}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{58}-$, $-SO_2NR^{59}-$, $-NR^{60}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{61}-$ (wherein R^{57}, R^{58}, R^{59}, R^{60} and R^{61} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl), and R^{56} is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

1) hydrogen, oxiranylC_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-5}alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo and amino;

2) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^{11}C(O)R^{62}$ (wherein X^{11} represents -O- or -NR^{63}- (in which R^{63} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{62} represents C_{1-3}alkyl, -$NR^{64}R^{65}$ or -OR^{66} (wherein R^{64}, R^{65} and R^{66} which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C_{1-5}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl));

3) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^{12}R^{67}$ (wherein X^{12} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -OC(O)-, -NR^{68}C(O)-, -C(O)NR^{69}-, -SO_2NR^{70}-, -$NR^{71}SO_2$- or -NR^{72}- (wherein R^{68}, R^{69}, R^{70}, R^{71} and R^{72} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{67} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

4) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^{13}C_{1-5}$alkyl$X^{14}R^{73}$ (wherein X^{13} and X^{14} which may be the same or different are each -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -NR^{74}C(O)-, -C(O)NR^{75}-, -SO_2NR^{76}-, -$NR^{77}SO_2$- or -NR^{78}- (wherein R^{74}, R^{75}, R^{76}, R^{77} and R^{78} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{73} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl);

5) R^{79} (wherein R^{79} is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected

independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

6) C_{1-5}alkylR^{79} (wherein R^{79} is as defined herein);

7) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{79} (wherein R^{79} is as defined herein);

8) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{79} (wherein R^{79} is as defined herein);

9) R^{80} (wherein R^{80} represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, -$C(O)NR^{81}R^{82}$, -$NR^{83}C(O)R^{84}$ (wherein R^{81}, R^{82}, R^{83} and R^{84}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl));

10) C_{1-5}alkylR^{80} (wherein R^{80} is as defined herein);

11) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{80} (wherein R^{80} is as defined herein);

12) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{80} (wherein R^{80} is as defined herein);

13) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^{15}R^{80}$ (wherein X^{15} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -$NR^{85}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NR^{86}$-, -SO_2NR^{87}-, -$NR^{88}SO_2$- or -NR^{89}- (wherein R^{85}, R^{86}, R^{87}, R^{88} and R^{89} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{80} is as defined herein);

14) C_{2-5}alkenyl$X^{16}R^{80}$ (wherein X^{16} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -$NR^{90}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NR^{91}$-, -SO_2NR^{92}-, -$NR^{93}SO_2$- or -NR^{94}- (wherein R^{90}, R^{91}, R^{92}, R^{93} and R^{94} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{80} is as defined herein);

15) C_{2-5}alkynyl$X^{17}R^{80}$ (wherein X^{17} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -$NR^{95}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NR^{96}$-, -SO_2NR^{97}-, -$NR^{98}SO_2$- or -NR^{99}- (wherein R^{95}, R^{96}, R^{97}, R^{98} and R^{99} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{80} is as defined herein);

16) C_{1-4}alkyl$X^{18}C_{1-4}$alkylR^{80} (wherein X^{18} represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -$NR^{100}C(O)$-, -$C(O)NR^{101}$-, -SO_2NR^{102}-, -$NR^{103}SO_2$- or -NR^{104}- (wherein R^{100}, R^{101}, R^{102}, R^{103} and R^{104} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{80} is as defined herein);

17) C_{1-4}alkyl$X^{18}C_{1-4}$alkylR^{79} (wherein X^{18} and R^{79} are as defined herein);

18) C_{2-5}alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

19) C_{2-5}alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

20) C_{2-5}alkenyl$X^{18}C_{1-4}$alkylR^{79} (wherein X^{18} and R^{79} are as defined herein);

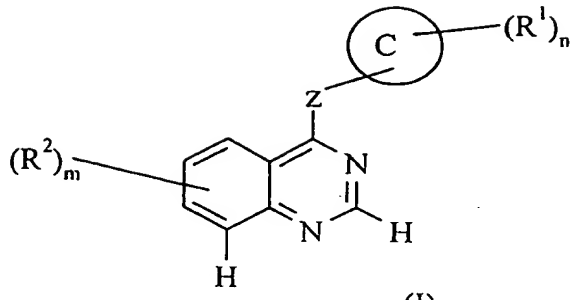
21) C_{2-5}alkynyl$X^{18}C_{1-4}$alkylR^{79} (wherein X^{18} and R^{79} are as defined herein); and

22) C_{1-4}alkyl$R^{105}(C_{1-4}alkyl)_x(X^{18})_yR^{106}$ (wherein X^{18} is as defined herein, x is 0 or 1, y is 0 or 1, and R^{105} and R^{106} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-4}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl) with the proviso that R^{105} cannot be hydrogen);

and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl group in $R^{56}X^{10}$- may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino);

or a salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in warm-blooded animals such as humans.

2. The use of a compound of the formula I according to claim 1:



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wherein:

ring C is a 9-10-membered bicyclic moiety which may be saturated or unsaturated, which may be aromatic or non-aromatic, and which optionally may contain 1-3 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N and S;

Z is -O-, -NH-, -S-, $-CH_2-$ or a direct bond;

R^1 represents hydrogen, oxo, halogeno, hydroxy, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxymethyl, C_{1-4}alkanoyl, C_{1-4}haloalkyl, cyano, amino, C_{2-5}alkenyl, C_{2-5}alkynyl, C_{1-3}alkanoyloxy, nitro, C_{1-4}alkanoylamino, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphanyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphinyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl, N-(C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl)amino, N-(C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl)-N-(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkylsulphonyl)amino or a C_{3-7}alkylene chain joined to two ring C carbon atoms;

n is an integer from 0 to 5;

m is an integer from 0 to 3;

R^2 represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkylsulphanyl, $-NR^3R^4$ (wherein R^3 and R^4, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl), or R^5X^1- (wherein X^1 represents a direct bond, -O-, $-CH_2-$, -OC(O)-, -C(O)-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^6C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^7-$, $-SO_2NR^8-$, $-NR^9SO_2-$ or $-NR^{10}-$ (wherein R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9 and R^{10} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl), and R^5 is selected from one of the following twenty-one groups:

1) hydrogen or C_{1-5}alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro and amino;

2) C_{1-5}alkyl$X^2C(O)R^{11}$ (wherein X^2 represents -O- or $-NR^{12}-$ (in which R^{12} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{11} represents C_{1-3}alkyl, $-NR^{13}R^{14}$ or $-OR^{15}$

(wherein R^{13}, R^{14} and R^{15} which may be the same or different each represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl));

3) C_{1-5}alkylX^3R^{16} (wherein X^3 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, -OC(O)-, $-NR^{17}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{18}$-, $-SO_2NR^{19}$-, $-NR^{20}SO_2$- or $-NR^{21}$- (wherein R^{17}, R^{18}, R^{19}, R^{20} and R^{21} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{16} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-4}alkoxy and which cyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl and C_{1-4}alkoxy);

4) C_{1-5}alkylX^4C_{1-5}alkylX^5R^{22} (wherein X^4 and X^5 which may be the same or different are each -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^{23}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{24}$-, $-SO_2NR^{25}$-, $-NR^{26}SO_2$- or $-NR^{27}$- (wherein R^{23}, R^{24}, R^{25}, R^{26} and R^{27} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{22} represents hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl);

5) R^{28} (wherein R^{28} is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl and C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl);

6) C_{1-5}alkylR^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);

7) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);

8) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined herein);

9) R^{29} (wherein R^{29} represents a pyridone group, a phenyl group or a 5-6-membered aromatic heterocyclic group (linked via carbon or nitrogen) with 1-3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S, which pyridone, phenyl or aromatic heterocyclic group may carry up to 5 substituents on an available carbon atom selected from hydroxy, halogeno, amino, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, $-C(O)NR^{30}R^{31}$ and $-NR^{32}C(O)R^{33}$ (wherein R^{30}, R^{31}, R^{32} and R^{33}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl));

10) C_{1-5}alkylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);

11) C_{2-5}alkenylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);

12) C_{2-5}alkynylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined herein);

13) C_{1-5}alkylX^6R^{29} (wherein X^6 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^{34}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{35}$-, $-SO_2NR^{36}$-, $-NR^{37}SO_2$- or $-NR^{38}$- (wherein R^{34}, R^{35}, R^{36}, R^{37} and R^{38} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

14) C_{2-5}alkenylX^7R^{29} (wherein X^7 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^{39}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{40}$-, $-SO_2NR^{41}$-, $-NR^{42}SO_2$- or $-NR^{43}$- (wherein R^{39}, R^{40}, R^{41}, R^{42} and R^{43} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

15) C_{2-5}alkynylX^8R^{29} (wherein X^8 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^{44}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{45}$-, $-SO_2NR^{46}$-, $-NR^{47}SO_2$- or $-NR^{48}$- (wherein R^{44}, R^{45}, R^{46}, R^{47} and R^{48} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

16) C_{1-3}alkylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{29} (wherein X^9 represents -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2$-, $-NR^{49}C(O)$-, $-C(O)NR^{50}$-, $-SO_2NR^{51}$-, $-NR^{52}SO_2$- or $-NR^{53}$- (wherein R^{49}, R^{50}, R^{51}, R^{52} and R^{53} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined herein);

17) C_{1-3}alkylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein);

18) C_{2-5}alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

19) C_{2-5}alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

20) C_{2-5}alkenylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein); and

21) C_{2-5}alkynylX^9C_{1-4}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined herein);

and salts thereof, and prodrugs thereof for example esters, amides and sulphides, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in warm-blooded animals such as humans.

3. The use of a compound of the formula I according to claim 1, wherein R^2 represents hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, amino or R^5X^1- [wherein X^1 is as defined in claim 1 and R^5 is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

1) C_{1-4}alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from fluoro, chloro and bromo, or C_{2-5}alkyl which may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy and amino;

2) C_{2-3}alkylX^2C(O)R^{11} (wherein X^2 is as defined in claim 1 and R^{11} represents -$NR^{13}R^{14}$ or -OR^{15} (wherein R^{13}, R^{14} and R^{15} which may be the same or different are each C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-2}alkoxyethyl));

3) C_{2-4}alkylX^3R^{16} (wherein X^3 is as defined in claim 1 and R^{16} is a group selected from C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl and tetrahydropyranyl, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-2}alkoxy and which cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl or tetrahydropyranyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-3}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-2}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphonylC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-3}alkylamino, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)amino, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkyl, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkoxy, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-3}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-3}alkyl));

4) C_{2-3}alkylX^4C_{2-3}alkylX^5R^{22} (wherein X^4 and X^5 are as defined in claim 1 and R^{22} represents hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl);

5) R^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined in claim 1);

6) C_{1-4}alkylR^{110} (wherein R^{110} is a group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidin-1-yl, azetidinyl, 1,3-dioxolan-2-yl, 1,3-dioxan-2-yl, 1,3-dithiolan-2-yl and 1,3-dithian-2-yl, which group is linked to C_{1-4}alkyl through a carbon atom and which group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-3}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-2}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphonylC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-3}alkylamino, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)amino, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkyl, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkoxy, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-3}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-}

$_3$alkyl)) or C_{2-4}alkylR^{111} (wherein R^{111} is a group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, azetidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl, piperazin-1-yl and piperidino which group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-3}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-2}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphonylC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-3}alkylamino, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)amino, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkyl, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkoxy, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-3}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-3}alkyl));

7) C_{3-4}alkenylR^{112} (wherein R^{112} represents R^{110} or R^{111} as defined herein);

8) C_{3-4}alkynylR^{112} (wherein R^{112} represents R^{110} or R^{111} as defined herein);

9) R^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1);

10) C_{1-4}alkylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1);

11) 1-R^{29}prop-1-en-3-yl or 1-R^{29}but-2-en-4-yl (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1 with the proviso that when R^5 is 1-R^{29}prop-1-en-3-yl, R^{29} is linked to the alkenyl group via a carbon atom);

12) 1-R^{29}prop-1-yn-3-yl or 1-R^{29}but-2-yn-4-yl (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1 with the proviso that when R^5 is 1-R^{29}prop-1-yn-3-yl, R^{29} is linked to the alkynyl group via a carbon atom);

13) C_{1-5}alkylX^6R^{29} (wherein X^6 and R^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

14) 1-($R^{29}X^7$)but-2-en-4-yl (wherein X^7 and R^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

15) 1-($R^{29}X^8$)but-2-yn-4-yl (wherein X^8 and R^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

16) C_{2-3}alkylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{29} (wherein X^9 and R^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

17) C_{2-3}alkylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined in claim 1);

18) C_{2-5}alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or with one or two groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

19) C_{2-5}alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or with one or two groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-}

$_4$alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

20) C_{2-4}alkenylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined in claim 1);

21) C_{2-4}alkynylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined in claim 1); and

22) C_{1-3}alkyl$R^{54}(C_{1-3}$alkyl$)_q(X^9)_rR^{55}$ (wherein X^9, q, r, R^{54} and R^{55} are as defined in claim 1);

and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl group in R^5X^1- may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino].

4. The use of a compound of the formula I according to any one of the preceding claims wherein Z is -O-, -NH- or -S-.

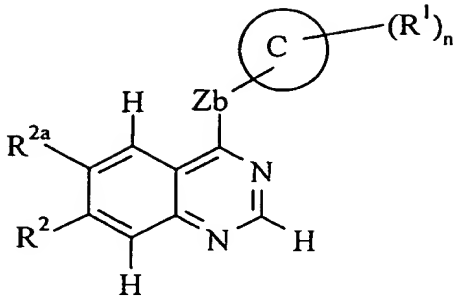
5. The use of a compound of the formula I according to any one of the preceding claims wherein ring C is a 9-10-membered heteroaromatic bicyclic moiety which contains 1-3 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N and S.

6. The use of a compound of the formula I according to any one of the preceding claims wherein R^1 represents oxo, halogeno, hydroxy, C_{1-2}alkoxy, C_{1-2}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkoxymethyl, C_{2-3}alkanoyl, C_{1-2}haloalkyl, cyano, amino, C_{2-4}alkenyl, C_{2-4}alkynyl, C_{2-3}alkanoyloxy, nitro, C_{2-3}alkanoylamino, C_{1-2}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphanyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphinyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C_{1-2}alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C_{1-2}alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-2}alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C_{1-2}alkyl)aminosulphonyl, N-(C_{1-2}alkylsulphonyl)amino, N-(C_{1-2}alkylsulphonyl)-N-(C_{1-2}alkyl)amino or a C_{3-7}alkylene chain joined to two ring C carbon atoms.

7. The use of a compound of the formula I according to any one of the preceding claims wherein n is 0, 1 or 2.

8. The use of a compound of the formula I according to any one of the preceding claims wherein m is 1 or 2.

9. A compound of the formula II:



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[wherein:

ring C, R^1, R^2 and n are as defined in claim 1, Zb is -O- or -S- and R^{2a} represents hydrogen, halogeno, C_{1-3}alkyl, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-3}alkylsulphanyl, $-NR^{3a}R^{4a}$ (wherein R^{3a} and R^{4a}, which may be the same or different, each represents hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl), or $R^{5a}(CH_2)_{za}X^{1a}$ (wherein R^{5a} is a 5- or 6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which heterocyclic group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-4}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, C_{1-4}alkoxyC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylsulphonylC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-4}aminoalkyl, C_{1-4}alkylamino, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkyl, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkylaminoC_{1-4}alkoxy, di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkoxy and a group $-(-O-)_f(C_{1-4}alkyl)_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a 5-6-membered saturated heterocyclic group with 1-2 heteroatoms, selected independently from O, S and N, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-4}alkyl), za is an integer from 0 to 4 and X^{1a} represents a direct bond, -O-, $-CH_2-$, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^{6a}C(O)-$, $-C(O)NR^{7a}-$, $-SO_2NR^{8a}-$, $-NR^{9a}SO_2-$ or $-NR^{10a}-$ (wherein R^{6a}, R^{7a}, R^{8a}, R^{9a} and R^{10a} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl));

with the proviso that R^2 is not hydrogen and excluding the compounds:

6,7-dimethoxy-4-(1-naphthylsulphanyl)quinazoline, 6,7-dimethoxy-4-(2-naphthylsulphanyl)quinazoline, 6,7-dimethoxy-4-(1-naphthyloxy)quinazoline and 6,7-dimethoxy-4-(2-naphthyloxy)quinazoline;

or a salt thereof.

10. A compound of the formula II according to claim 9 wherein R^2 represents hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, amino or R^5X^1- [wherein X^1 is as defined in claim 1 and R^5 is selected from one of the following twenty-two groups:

1) C_{1-4}alkyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more groups selected from fluoro, chloro and bromo, or C_{2-5}alkyl which may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups selected from hydroxy and amino;

2) C_{2-3}alkylX^2C(O)R^{11} (wherein X^2 is as defined in claim 1 and R^{11} represents -$NR^{13}R^{14}$ or -OR^{15} (wherein R^{13}, R^{14} and R^{15} which may be the same or different are each C_{1-4}alkyl or C_{1-2}alkoxyethyl));

3) C_{2-4}alkylX^3R^{16} (wherein X^3 is as defined in claim 1 and R^{16} is a group selected from C_{1-3}alkyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl and tetrahydropyranyl, which C_{1-3}alkyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno and C_{1-2}alkoxy and which cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl or tetrahydropyranyl group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-3}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-2}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphonylC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-3}alkylamino, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)amino, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkyl, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkoxy, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-3}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-3}alkyl));

4) C_{2-3}alkylX^4C_{2-3}alkylX^5R^{22} (wherein X^4 and X^5 are as defined in claim 1 and R^{22} represents hydrogen or C_{1-3}alkyl);

5) R^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined in claim 1);

6) C_{1-4}alkylR^{110} (wherein R^{110} is a group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidin-1-yl, azetidinyl, 1,3-dioxolan-2-yl, 1,3-dioxan-2-yl, 1,3-dithiolan-2-yl and 1,3-dithian-2-yl, which group is linked to C_{1-4}alkyl through a carbon atom and which group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-3}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-2}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphonylC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-3}alkylamino, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)amino, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkyl, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkoxy, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkoxy and a group -(-

O-)$_f$(C_{1-3}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-3}alkyl)) or C_{2-4}alkylR^{111} (wherein R^{111} is a group selected from morpholino, thiomorpholino, azetidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl, piperazin-1-yl and piperidino which group may bear 1 or 2 substituents selected from oxo, hydroxy, halogeno, cyano, C_{1-3}cyanoalkyl, C_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxy, C_{1-2}alkoxyC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphonylC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-3}alkylamino, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)amino, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkyl, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkyl, C_{1-3}alkylaminoC_{1-3}alkoxy, di(C_{1-3}alkyl)aminoC_{1-3}alkoxy and a group -(-O-)$_f$(C_{1-3}alkyl)$_g$ringD (wherein f is 0 or 1, g is 0 or 1 and ring D is a heterocyclic group selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolidinyl, azetidinyl, morpholino and thiomorpholino, which cyclic group may bear one or more substituents selected from C_{1-3}alkyl));

7) C_{3-4}alkenylR^{112} (wherein R^{112} represents R^{110} or R^{111} as defined herein);

8) C_{3-4}alkynylR^{112} (wherein R^{112} represents R^{110} or R^{111} as defined herein);

9) R^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1);

10) C_{1-4}alkylR^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1);

11) 1-R^{29}prop-1-en-3-yl or 1-R^{29}but-2-en-4-yl (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1 with the proviso that when R^5 is 1-R^{29}prop-1-en-3-yl, R^{29} is linked to the alkenyl group via a carbon atom);

12) 1-R^{29}prop-1-yn-3-yl or 1-R^{29}but-2-yn-4-yl (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1 with the proviso that when R^5 is 1-R^{29}prop-1-yn-3-yl, R^{29} is linked to the alkynyl group via a carbon atom);

13) C_{1-5}alkylX^6R^{29} (wherein X^6 and R^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

14) 1-($R^{29}X^7$)but-2-en-4-yl (wherein X^7 and R^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

15) 1-($R^{29}X^8$)but-2-yn-4-yl (wherein X^8 and R^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

16) C_{2-3}alkylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{29} (wherein X^9 and R^{29} are as defined in claim 1);

17) C_{2-3}alkylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined in claim 1);

18) C_{2-5}alkenyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or with one or two groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

19) C_{2-5}alkynyl which may be unsubstituted or which may be substituted with one or more fluorine atoms or with one or two groups selected from hydroxy, fluoro, amino, C_{1-4}alkylamino, N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)amino, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-4}alkylaminosulphonyl and N,N-di(C_{1-4}alkyl)aminosulphonyl;

20) C_{2-4}alkenylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined in claim 1);

21) C_{2-4}alkynylX^9C_{1-3}alkylR^{28} (wherein X^9 and R^{28} are as defined in claim 1); and

22) C_{1-3}alkyl$R^{54}(C_{1-3}alkyl)_q(X^9)_rR^{55}$ (wherein X^9, q, r, R^{54} and R^{55} are as defined in claim 1);

and additionally wherein any C_{1-5}alkyl, C_{2-5}alkenyl or C_{2-5}alkynyl group in R^5X^1- may bear one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halogeno and amino].

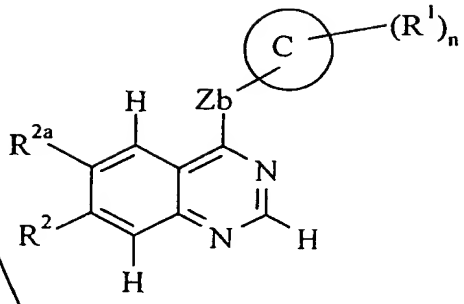
11. A compound according to any one of claims 9 and 10 wherein Zb is -O-.

12. A compound according to any one of claims 9, 10 and 11 wherein ring C is a 9-10-membered heteroaromatic bicyclic moiety which contains 1-3 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N and S.

13. A compound according to any one of claims 9, 10, 11 and 12 wherein R^1 represents oxo, halogeno, hydroxy, C_{1-2}alkoxy, C_{1-2}alkyl, C_{1-2}alkoxymethyl, C_{2-3}alkanoyl, C_{1-2}haloalkyl, cyano, amino, C_{2-4}alkenyl, C_{2-4}alkynyl, C_{2-3}alkanoyloxy, nitro, C_{2-3}alkanoylamino, C_{1-2}alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphanyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphinyl, C_{1-2}alkylsulphonyl, carbamoyl, N-C_{1-2}alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di(C_{1-2}alkyl)carbamoyl, aminosulphonyl, N-C_{1-2}alkylaminosulphonyl, N,N-di(C_{1-2}alkyl)aminosulphonyl, N-(C_{1-2}alkylsulphonyl)amino, N-(C_{1-2}alkylsulphonyl)-N-(C_{1-2}alkyl)amino or a C_{3-7}alkylene chain joined to two ring C carbon atoms.

14. A compound according to any one of claims 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 wherein n is 0, 1 or 2.

15. A compound of the formula IIb:



(IIb)

[wherein:

ring C, R^1, R^2 and n are as defined in claim 1, Zb is -O- and R^{2a} is as defined in claim 9 with the proviso that R^2 does not have any of the following values:

hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted C_{1-5}alkyl, halogeno, C_{1-5}alkoxy, C_{2-5}alkenyl, phenoxy or phenylC_{1-5}alkoxy;

or a salt thereof.

16. A compound according to claim 9 selected from

6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy)-4-(2-naphthyloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

7-(3-(1,1-dioxothiomorpholino)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

4-(4-chloroquinolin-7-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy)-4-(4-methylquinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(4-methylquinolin-7-yloxy)-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-((1-(2-methylsulphonylethyl)piperidin-4-yl)methoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

4-(2,3-dimethylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(2,3-dimethylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-4-ylmethoxy)-4-(2-trifluoromethylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropoxy)-4-(2-trifluoromethylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

(*R*,*S*)-4-(3-fluoroquinolin-7-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-3-yl)methoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-methylsulphonylpropoxy)quinazoline,

7-(3-N,N-dimethylaminopropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(2-morpholinoethoxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,

7-(2-(N,N-diethylamino)ethoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,

4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)-4-(6-trifluoromethylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

7-(3-(methylsulphonyl)propoxy)-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

7-(3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propoxy)-4-(2,3-dimethylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

4-(2,3-dimethylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-3-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,

7-(2-(N,N-diethylamino)ethoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(piperidin-2-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(piperidin-1-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-6-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,

7-(3-(ethylsulphonyl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(3-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,

7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

7-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(N-methylamino)ethoxy)quinazoline, and

7-(2-hydroxy-3-(isopropylamino)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

or a salt thereof.

17. A compound according to claim 9 selected from

6-methoxy-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)-4-(quinolin-7-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-methylsulphonylpropoxy)quinazoline,

7-((1-cyanomethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-morpholinoethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(1-methylpiperidin-3-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-piperidinoethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(N-methyl-N-(4-pyridyl)amino)ethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-7-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethoxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline

6-methoxy-7-(1-(2-methoxyethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-((2-(2-pyrrolidin-1-ylethyl)carbamoyl)vinyl)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-(4-methypiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(piperidin-4-yloxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(N-methyl-N-methylsulphonylamino)ethoxy)quinazoline,

7-(2-(1-(2-cyanoethyl)piperidin-4-yloxy)ethoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,

4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-(1,1-dioxothiomorpholino)propoxy)quinazoline,

4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,

7-(3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

7-(3-(N,N-diethylamino)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

7-(3-(1,1-dioxothiomorpholino)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(4-pyridyloxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-6-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,

7-(1-(2-methoxyethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

7-(2-hydroxy-3-morpholinopropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

7-(2-(1-(2-methoxyethyl)piperidin-4-yl)ethoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

7-(2-hydroxy-3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

7-(3-(N,N-diethylamino)-2-hydroxypropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

7-(3-(1,1-dioxothiomorpholino)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-(4-pyridyloxy)ethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-morpholinopropoxy)quinazoline,

(2*R*)-6-methoxy-(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,

(5*R*)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-oxopyrrolidin-5-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,

4-(4-bromoindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,

6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(1-(2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)ethyl)-piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-morpholinopropoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

(2*S*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-((N,N-diisopropyl)amino)propoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,

(2*S*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)-4-(indol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline,
(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(3-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,
(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(3-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,
(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,
(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)-6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)quinazoline,
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(1-(2-morpholinoethyl)piperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,
4-(3-fluoro-quinolin-7-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,
4-(3-fluoro-quinolin-7-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridin-5-yloxy)quinazoline,
(2*S*)-6-methoxy-(2-methyl-1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,
and
4-(6-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
or a salt thereof.

18. A compound according to claim 9 selected from
6-methoxy-4-(2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(1-methylpiperidin-4-ylmethoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(6-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-piperidinopropoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-((1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)methoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy)quinazoline,
4-(4-fluoroindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,

(2*R*)-7-(2-hydroxy-3-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)propoxy)-4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxyquinazoline, and

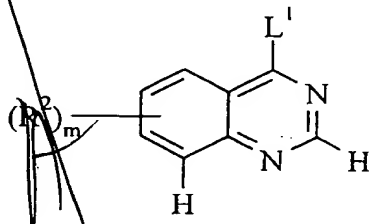
4-(4-fluoro-2-methylindol-5-yloxy)-6-methoxy-7-(2-(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethoxy)quinazoline,

or a salt thereof.

19. A compound according to claim 9 in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

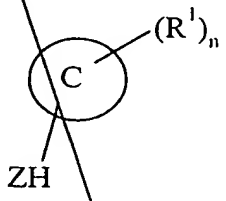
20. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I or salt thereof which comprises:

(a) the reaction of a compound of the formula III:



(III)

(wherein R^2 and m are as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is a displaceable moiety), with a compound of the formula IV:

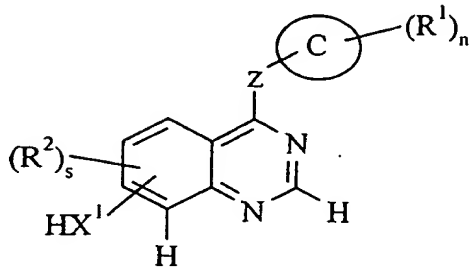


(IV)

(wherein ring C, R^1, Z and n are as defined in claim 1);

(b) a compound of formula I or a salt thereof wherein at least one R^2 is R^5X^1 wherein R^5 is as defined in claim 1 and X^1 is -O-, -S-, -OC(O)- or $-NR^{10}$- (wherein R^{10} independently

represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) may be prepared by the reaction of a compound of the formula V:



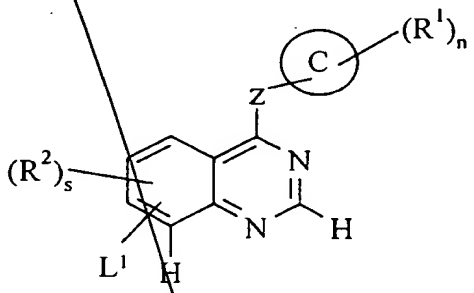
(V)

(wherein ring C, Z, R^1, R^2 and n are as defined in claim 1 and X^1 is as herein defined in this section and s is an integer from 0 to 2) with a compound of formula VI:

R^5-L^1 (VI)

(wherein R^5 is as defined in claim 1 and L^1 is as herein defined);

(c) a compound of the formula I or a salt thereof wherein at least one R^2 is R^5X^1 wherein R^5 is as defined in claim 1 and X^1 is -O-, -S-, -OC(O)- or -NR^{10}- (wherein R^{10} represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) may be prepared by the reaction of a compound of the formula VII:



(VII)

with a compound of the formula VIII:

R^5-X^1-H (VIII)

(wherein R^1, R^2, R^5, ring C, Z and n are as defined in claim 1 and L^1, s and X^1 are as herein defined);

(d) a compound of the formula I or a salt thereof wherein at least one R^2 is R^5X^1 wherein X^1 is as defined in claim 1 and R^5 is C_{1-5}alkylR^{113}, wherein R^{113} is selected from one of the following nine groups:

1) $X^{19}C_{1-3}$alkyl (wherein X^{19} represents -O-, -S-, -SO_2-, -NR^{114}C(O)- or –$NR^{115}SO_2$- (wherein R^{114} and R^{115} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl);

2) $NR^{116}R^{117}$ (wherein R^{116} and R^{117} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl);

3) $X^{20}C_{1-5}$alkylX^5R^{22} (wherein X^{20} represents -O-, -S-, -SO_2-, -NR^{118}C(O)-, -$NR^{119}SO_2$- or –NR^{120}- (wherein R^{118}, R^{119}, and R^{120} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and X^5 and R^{22} are as defined in claim 1);

4) R^{28} (wherein R^{28} is as defined in claim 1);

5) $X^{21}R^{29}$ (wherein X^{21} represents -O-, -S-, -SO_2-, -NR^{121}C(O)-, -$NR^{122}SO_2$-, or –NR^{123}- (wherein R^{121}, R^{122}, and R^{123} which may be the same or different are each hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined in claim 1); and

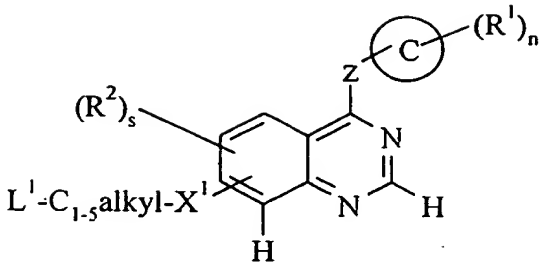
6) $X^{22}C_{1-3}$alkylR^{29} (wherein X^{22} represents -O-, -S-, -SO_2-, -NR^{124}C(O)-, -$NR^{125}SO_2$- or –NR^{126}- (wherein R^{124}, R^{125} and R^{126} each independently represents hydrogen, C_{1-3}alkyl or C_{1-3}alkoxyC_{2-3}alkyl) and R^{29} is as defined in claim 1);

7) R^{29} (wherein R^{29} is as defined in claim 1);

8) $X^{22}C_{1-4}$alkylR^{28} (wherein X^{22} and R^{28} are as defined in claim 1); and

9) $R^{54}(C_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_q(X^9)_rR^{55}$ (wherein q, r, X^9, R^{54} and R^{55} are as defined in claim 1);

may be prepared by reacting a compound of the formula IX:



(IX)

(wherein X^1, R^1, R^2, ring C, Z and n are as defined in claim 1and L^1 and s are as herein defined) with a compound of the formula X:

$$R^{113}\text{-}H \qquad (X)$$

(wherein R^{113} is as defined herein);

(e) a compound of the formula I or a salt thereof wherein one or more of the substituents $(R^2)_m$ is represented by $-NR^{127}R^{128}$, where one (and the other is hydrogen) or both of R^{127} and R^{128} are C_{1-3}alkyl, may be effected by the reaction of compounds of formula I wherein the substituent $(R^2)_m$ is an amino group and an alkylating agent; or

(f) a compound of the formula I or a salt thereof wherein X^1 is -SO- or $-SO_2$- may be prepared by oxidation from the corresponding compound in which X^1 is -S- or -SO-;

and when a salt of a compound of formula I is required, reaction of the compound obtained with an acid or base whereby to obtain the desired salt.

21. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as active ingredient a compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 9 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.

22. A method for producing an antiangiogenic and/or vascular permeability reducing effect in a warm-blooded animal in need of such treatment which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. A compound 4-fluoro-5-hydroxy-2-methylindole or a salt thereof.

24. A compound 4-fluoro-5-hydroxyindole or a salt thereof.

25. A compound 6-fluoro-5-hydroxy-2-methylindole or a salt thereof.

26. A compound 6-fluoro-5-hydroxyindole or a salt thereof.

27. A process for the preparation of 4-fluoro-5-hydroxy-2-methylindole according to any one of those described in Example 237.

28. A process for the preparation of 4-fluoro-5-hydroxyindole as described in Example 242.

29. A process for the preparation of 6-fluoro-5-hydroxyindole as described in Example 242.

30. A process for the preparation of 6-fluoro-5-hydroxy-2-methylindole as described in Example 250.

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